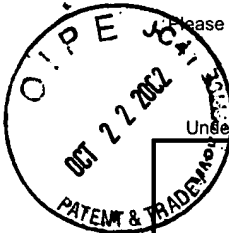


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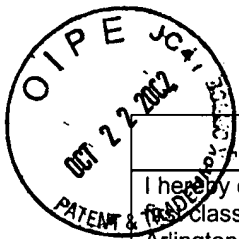
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the issue fee in this case.

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